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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday September 24, 2025**

The Special Common Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Kubarski on Wednesday September 24, 2025, at 7:01PM

All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Alliance.

Mayor Kubarski asked for affirmation of proper public notice to which City Administrator Cory Isaacs confirmed the meeting did receive proper public notice.

Roll call was taken with Alderpersons Tom Hotek, Pat Moen, Darrow Novy, Leanne Beyer, Randy Seeley, and Rick Hanke were present. Mark Lankey and Liz Parish were absent.

Others in attendance were: City Administrator Cory Isaacs, Administrative Associate Sara McDonald, and Nicolette Nauman with the Hillsboro Sentry Enterprise. Citizens present were: Al Picha, John Honer, Don Slama, Zach Bender, Becky Bender, Mike Burch, and Dave Moen were also in attendance.

Registered Public Comment

Don Slama commented on the trains and the need for a committee or group to forefront the restoration of them as well as a possible museum. He also gave some historical background on the trains and was joined in the knowledge by Al Picha and Zach Bender.

Mayor Kubarski began a formal discussion on the trains with input from the citizens in attendance regarding a possible committee and train fund. Through the discussion an idea for a 501(c)(3) group was brought about and a need for group/committee leaders for it.

Motion by Beyer made a motion to develop a 501(c)(3) for the Hillsboro NorthEastern Railway, seconded by Hanke. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Hotek to appoint Zach Bender and Al Picha as members of the 501(c)(3), seconded by Novy. (There will be at least three other board members.) Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Moen, seconded by Hotek to adjourn at 8:11 PM. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM